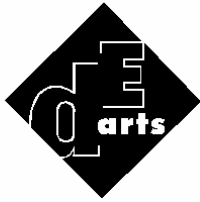


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### **News Release**

#### **DELAWARE DIVISION OF THE ARTS HIRES NEW PUBLIC INFORMATION OFFICER**

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The Delaware Division of the Arts has named Isabelle (Izzy) Mead as the agency's Public Information Officer. In her role she will focus on providing the public greater access to information about arts programs, events and exhibits. Her goal is to increase the visibility of the arts in Delaware by strengthening the Division's communication and publicity efforts.

Mead, a graduate of the University of Delaware and a resident of Wilmington, most recently served as coordinator for the Division's Mezzanine Gallery, located in the Carvel State Office Building. Prior to joining the Division she worked for various arts organizations and was a founding staff member of the Delaware Center for the Contemporary Arts (DCCA).

"The Division would like to become the primary resource for information about the arts in Delaware. We can play an essential role in helping to support programming and generate audiences for the wide range of Delaware's arts offerings including concerts, theatre, exhibits and education programs for children," Mead said.

The Delaware Division of Arts offers a variety of resources to help promote artists and arts events including: its website, [www.artsdel.org](http://www.artsdel.org), featuring an arts calendar, arts information, and opportunities; the *Delaware Artist Roster*, presenting visual, performing, and literary artists; the *Art Guide*, a biannual directory of arts venues and cultural attractions; and *Artline*, a bimonthly insert to the *News Journal* highlighting arts programs and upcoming events.

The Delaware Division of the Arts (DDOA) is an agency of the State of Delaware. Together with its advisory body, the Delaware State Arts Council, DDOA administers grants and programs that support artists and arts organizations, educate the public, increase awareness of the arts, and integrate the arts into all facets of Delaware life. Funding for DDOA programs is provided by annual appropriations from the Delaware State Legislature, and grants from the National Endowment for the Arts, a federal agency.